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| logo-tr.png | **LAW 644**  **Legal English** | **Instructor:**  **Josh Brown, M.A.**  **Email: josh.brown@bilgi.edu.tr** |
| **Tuesdays 18:00 - 21:00** | **Room: D305** | **FALL Term 2012/2013** |

**Course Description**

This course aims to provide law students and lawyers with a familiarity and understanding of legal terminology in English requisite for operation in an international legal environment. The course syllabus is guided by the preparation essentials for the ILEC exam, but it is not strictly a preparation course for this exam. Students will utilize the International Legal English textbook written by Cambridge University Press. It uses select chapters in the coursebook but does not attempt to cover the whole book in 14 weeks. Students will also utilize several online resources both affiliated and non-affiliated with the textbook. (listed below)

**Materials:**

* International Legal English Coursebook, Cambridge University Press (available at the Bilgi bookstore in Dolapdere)
* Writing Notebook
* Folder for organization of writing and research materials
* Legal Dictionary (English/English or English/Turkish) (Suggestions: “Black’s Legal Dictionary”)

**Online Resources:**

* Vocabulary Affiliated with the Textbook – [<http://cdextras.cambridge.org/VocabTrainer/intlegalenglish/index.htm>]
* TransLegal website: [<http://www.translegal.com>]
* Information on the ILEC exam and practice tests – [<http://www.legalenglishtest.org>]
* American Bar Association bLAWg Directory – [<http://www.abajournal.com/blawgs>]
* Legal Blogs and Websites:

1. Directory: [<http://legalblogs.findlaw.com>]
2. U.S. Law: [<http://www.law.com/jsp/nlj/index.jsp>]
3. European Law: [<http://ec.europa.eu/eu_law/index_en.htm>]
4. Podcasts with transcripts (listening practice): [<http://www.oyez.com>]
5. Online Activism: [<http://www.eff.org>]
6. International Policy: [<http://www.foreignpolicy.com>]

**Attendance:**

**Students are expected to attend all classes on time. According to YOK regulations, at least 70% attendance is mandatory.**

**Evaluation:**

**34% : Attendance and Participation**

**66% : Assignments: In-class work, Homework, Presentation (Equal weight is placed on each aspect of assignments)**

**Schedule**

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| **Week / Date** | **Content** | **Assignment** |
| **1 / Sept. 25** | Introduction | Diagnostic Writing/Speaking |
| **2 / Oct.2** | Unit 1 The Practice of Law (Part 1) | Key terms |
| **3 / Oct. 9** | Unit 1 The Practice of Law (Part 2) | The Turkish System and Global Context (Discussion and Writing task), |
| **4 / Oct. 16** | Unit 2 Company Law: Formation/Management | In class; writing assignment ”Letter” |
| **5 / Oct. 23** | Unit 4 Company Law: Fundamental Changes | In class; |
| **6 / Oct. 30** | Case Study 1: Company Law | In class; |
| **7 / Nov. 6** | Unit 8 Employment Law | Employment law case |
| **8 / Nov. 13** | Unit 9 Sale of Goods | “A case brief” |
| **9 / Nov. 20** | Case Study 2: Contract Law | In class; |
| **10 / Nov. 27** | Unit 11 Intellectual Property | Language Focus |
| **11 / Dec. 5** | Unit 14 Debtor-Creditor | Cover Letter |
| **12 / Dec. 12** | Unit 15 Competition Law | Proposal/Informative email |
| **13 / Dec. 19** | Presentations |  |
| **14 / Dec. 26** | Practice Exams |  |

**2012-2013 Graduate Programs Academic Calendar**

**Spring Semester**

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| 24 September | Fall Semester Begins |
| 01- 05 October | Add / Drop Period |
| 19 October | Deadline for Internal Transfer Applications |
| 24 October | Half-day holiday (the day before *Kurban Bayramı*) |
| 25-28 October | Holiday *(Kurban Bayramı)* |
| 29 October | Holiday *(Cumhuriyet Bayramı)* |
| 09 November | Leave of Absence Deadline |
| 07 December | Withdrawal Deadline |
| 29 December | Deadline for Project/Dissertation Submission |
| 29 December | End of Fall Semester Classes |
| 07-20 January | Final Examinations |
| 23 January | Announcement of Grades |
| 04-09 February | Academic Registration for Spring Semester |